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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18,
2002, which had a shortened statutory period for response set to
expire on March 18, 2003. A request for a two-month extension
of time is enclosed with the appropriate fee.